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Majority prices were trending unchanged in all areas when compared to early week. Trade sentiment was steady in all areas. Retail and food service demand was light to instances fairly good, best activity where promotions were present. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for late-week trading. Breast items were at least adequate to available with some discounting noted. Tenders were clearing well. Wings were irregular and dark meat items were adequate to limited and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

<u>Preliminary Report</u> Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 25-AUG-2008 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Includ	duct)	WTD			
<u>AREAS</u>	MAJORITY	RANGE	<u>AVG</u>	LOADS	
Delivered to Fi	rst Receivers				
Chicago	69.00-73.00	59.00-79.75	69.85	25	
New York	70.00-73.00				
Los Angeles	97.00				
-					
Southeast Area	a FOB Dock Equ	ivalent			
Mississippi	86.00-89.00	64.00-94.00	88.21	85	

The market tone was overall steady. Reported trading activity was generally fair and at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were barely adequate to fully adequate. Retailer demand was moderate to good, fairly good overall. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend carryovers.

WESTERN REGION Preliminary majority prices were unchanged.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 88.50 cents based on icepacked USDA grade "A" sized 2 ½ to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

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LOADS RA	NGE	FRID/	AY PREI	_IM. WTI	D. AVG	
827 86.2	5-89.75		87	7.82		
Georgia f.o.b. dock of	confirmed	preliminary v	weighted	average	price on	ice-
packed parts:		WTD. AVG		_	LUME	
ITEM	(CEN	NTS PER PO	DUND)	(000) P	OUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDER	RS	176.00		1,	109	
BREASTS - B/S		144.00		5,	800	
BREASTS - WHOLI	Ε	83.50		1,	114	
THIGH MEAT - B/S		130.50		1,	061	
THIGHS		62.00			599	
DRUMSTICKS		70.50			712	
LEG QUARTERS		54.00		7,	854	
WINGS		97.00		2.	435	

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

<u>SOUTHERN</u> <u>BROILER/FRYER</u> Trade sentiment was cautiously steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to fair with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were fully sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for late-week trading. Breast items were fully adequate and slow to clear. Wings were sufficient and dark meat continued balanced to closely cleared with legs in the best position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend but was no better than fair overall. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was unaggressive. Fast food interest was fair to moderate. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, tenders were clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with legs, leg quarters and drums noted as in the best balance. Breast items were a least adequate to available with boneless skinless breast in the longest position.

MIDWEST REGION Preliminary majority prices on next week's deliveries into the Chicago market were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady, offerings light to moderate on a non-aggressive trade call. Retail and food service demand much improved on weekend orders over prior trade period and for the week. Retail movement was mostly moderate to fairly good, instances light and food service was fairly good overall. Best call into retail noted on boneless/skinless and split breast, while food service clearance was best for wings and eight-piece cutup. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights desirable to heavy. Supplies of leg items were in close balance to short; tenders and wings adequate and breast cuts were fully adequate. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on dark meat, steady on tenders and wings and steady to weak on breast cuts.

<u>DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged light to fair at best entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for present trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 72 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to available with some discounting noted. Wings were irregular. Dark meat cuts were adequate to closely balanced.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S.GRADE A

RANGE		70-91
WEIGHTED AVER	RAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	08/18/08 - 08/22/08	(A)
	08/20/07 - 08/24/07	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	08/18/08 - 08/22/08	(A)
	08/20/07 - 08/24/07	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING OPERATIONS.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS). TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME. CENTS PER POUND.

AUG 21, 2008					AUG 22, 2008	8			WE	EKLY
	LBS			WTD	LBS			WTD	LBS	WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	(000)	AVG
BREAST - B/S	480	105.00-198.00	-	125.35	425	105.00-197.00	-	132.14	2,210	129.84
TENDERLOINS	170	107.00-199.00	-	124.90	187	107.00-192.00	-	122.71	918	124.30
BREAST - LINE RUN	٦	TOO FEW TO RE	PORT		TOC	FEW TO REPORT	Γ		359	80.77
FRONT HALVES	٦	TOO FEW TO RE	PORT		TOC	FEW TO REPORT	Γ		310	70.18
LEGS	208	65.00-77.00	67-69	67.60	TOC	FEW TO REPORT	Γ		864	68.12
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	286	51.00-56.00	53-54	53.60	426	51.00-56.00	53-54	53.74	1,905	53.60
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	942	52.00-57.00	55-56	55.47	871	52.00-57.00	55-56	55.30	4,769	55.41
WINGS (WHOLE)	197	65.00-85.00	-	75.28	TOC	FEW TO REPORT	Γ		904	74.45
WINGS (CUT)	٦	TOO FEW TO RE	PORT		TOC	FEW TO REPORT	Γ		490	91.18
DRUMSTICKS	٦	TOO FEW TO RE	PORT		TOC	FEW TO REPORT	Γ		315	57.58
THIGHS	7	TOO FEW TO RE	PORT		TOC	FEW TO REPORT	Γ		165	63.82
B/S THIGHS	7	TOO FEW TO RE	PORT		TOC	FEW TO REPORT	Γ		418	122.35
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASE	D ON S	SOUTHERN STATE	S PARTS TR	RADING	WHOLE BOI	DY INDEX BASED OF	N SOUTHER	RN STATE	S PARTS T	RADING

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE RANGE

59.00 - 64.50 62.30

FOR AUG 21, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 59.00 - 64.00 61.91 **5-DAY AVERAGE** 61.99

FOR AUG 22, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light to no better than fair as dealers cautiously assessed market conditions. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts remained available at discounted levels. Bone-in breast were more than sufficient. Tenders were clearing well. Dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily with drums, legs and leg quarters in the best position. Retail and distributive movement was fair at best. The market tone was at least steady for tenders; barely steady for breast items and generally steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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AUG 21, 2008	,			AUG 22, 2008				
	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	131.66	625,295	125-130	129.46	544,306	130.56	2,561,201
TENDERLOINS	120-125	120.05	148,280	120-125	121.97	107,360	120.82	652,420
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	76.55	97,720	65-66	79.53	69,320	76.08	468,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	65.64	59,400	65	65.69	64,800	65.62	300,600
LEGS	70-71	71.09	175,840	71-72	73.55	116,400	71.87	714,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 54-55	56.26	232,360	54-55	56.79	175,080	56.27	1,050,200
DRUMSTICKS	65-66	74.62	53,000	65-66	76.31	82,720	75.65	340,200
THIGHS	61-60	73.68	36,400	61-60	73.48	66,360	73.62	247,320
B/S THIGHS	128-129	132.10	62,960	128-129	131.77	53,960	130.99	263,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	99.69	160,440	88-89	99.24	187,240	96.12	843,641
BACKS AND NECKS (ST	ΓRIPPED) 12-14	14.75	14,200	12-14	15.00	13,280	14.91	60,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS	S) 35-40	38.36	7,440	35-40	40.00	4,840	38.30	33,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	51.28	15,360	50-55	51.93	21,880	51.58	89,440

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

^{**} WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS							
E\$	STIMATE	D	ACTUA	L	AVG	WTS	ACTUAL	AVG
	(1,000)		(1,000))			(1,000)	WTS
	08/22	08/21	08/20	08/19	08/20	08/19	08/15	08/13
Alabama	4,376	4,279	3,765	4,164	5.39	5.41	4,144	5.30
Arkansas	4,879	5,312	5,207	5,253	5.72	5.68	4,396	5.55
Delmarva	2,386	2,092	2,175	2,215	5.95	6.02	2,266	5.96
KY-LA-TN	2,226	2,324	2,286	2,330	5.15	5.18	2,211	5.11
Mississippi	3,365	3,083	3,072	3,114	5.69	5.83	3,779	5.80
North Carolin	a 3,029	2,889	2,705	2,766	6.96	6.89	3,569	6.95
Texas	2,631	2,611	2,548	2,676	5.49	5.43	2,485	5.40
Total	22,892	22,590	21,758	22,518	5.75	5.75	22,850	5.69
Mon-Fri	112,475	(A)					111,582 (A)
Saturdav	926	(include	ed in tota	I for date	shown)		1.543	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Aug-08 and 23-Aug-08 is estimated to be 34,249,000 head down 0.12 percent from a week ago and down -0.26 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,289,000, last year 34,338,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 23-Aug-08 is estimated to be 167,412,000 head up 0.07 percent from a week ago, and up 0.37 percent from a year ago. (Last week 167,289,000, last year 166,796,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RE	TAILERS
	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	102-111
ROASTERS 4# & UP	115-125
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	67-78
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
BROILER/FRYER 2# & OVER	DRY PACK	131
	ICE PACK	159
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	175
	DRY PACK	117
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	112
	ICE PACK	114
DUCKS		235-238

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 16-AUG-2008 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

,			Thousand	ds	
	Α	В	С	D	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	41,233	82,506	25,642	17,908	167,289
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.40	6.81	8.05	5.51
% of total /1	25%	49%	15%	11%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	44,663	82,441	26,119	14,183	167,406
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.42	6.94	8.09	5.45
% of total /1	27%	49%	16%	8%	100%
Year Ago 2/	45,607	80,771	33,427	5,877	165,682
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.43	6.95	8.38	5.40
% of total /1	28%	48%	20%	4%	100%
To date/2008	1,407,062	2,644,400	798,023	574,967	5,424,452
To date/2007	1,420,851	2,657,522	839,214	368,676	5,286,263

/1May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 16-AUG-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
			Thousan	ds	
Head	167,289	1.460	1.728	3.188	453
Avg Wt	5.51	3.24	7.94	5.79	6.55
Last week	167,406	1,272	1,804	3,076	402
Same wk yr ago	165,682	1,045	1,524	2,569	474
Avg Wt	5.40	3.19	8.04	6.07	6.16
To-date/2008	5,424,452	46,202	52,828	99,030	14,517
To-date/2007	5,286,263	36,867	47,692	84,559	16,670
Ready-to-Cook We	eight and Dre	ssing Perc	entage		
Current week	686,713	2,413	8,918	11,331	2,166
Last week	679,710	2,095	9,393	11,488	1,863
Same wk yr ago	_ <u>666.539</u> _		<i>.7.</i> .9 <u>64</u> _	<u> </u>	_2,131
Dressina %	74.5%	51.0%	65.0%		73.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.3 million head, or 2.6 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/

FRYE	R AVAIL	ABILITY COMPA	ARISON		
	Week	Million Head	Million Head		Avg
E	nding	Slaughtered	Available	Pct	Wt
July	12	173.8	166.7	104%	5.55
	19	169.8	168.0	101%	5.47
	26	165.0	169.1	98%	5.48
Aug	2	168.7	168.8	100%	5.56
_	9	169.4	168.7	100%	5.45
	16	169.3	166.7	102%	5.51
Year t	to date	5490.4	5521.6	99%	
Aug	23		165.0		
•	30		163.7		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

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Thousands										
W/E	08/23/08	08/16/08	%CHG	08/25/07	%CHG					
Broilers	167,412	167,289 *	+0.07	166,796 *	+0.37					
Cattle	667	682	-02	690 *	-03					
Hogs	2,231	2,143	+04	2,073 *	+08					
*Actual										

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 18-AUG-2008

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL

TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	187-191	191-198
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	168-186	174-190
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

 ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)
 RANGE
 MOSTLY

 VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)
 74.00-79.00
 74.00-77.00

 73.00-87.00
 77.00-87.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES,

FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES 12 OZ. 64.80-89.91

14 OZ. 71.28-101.25 16 OZ. 77.04-112.08

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS

Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment continued steady. Supplies were adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules were full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$7.15-8.20, bone in legs at \$2.35-2.95, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.70-.75, livers at \$1.25-1.95, and feet at \$.65-1.45.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 18-AUG-2008

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	168-195	165-198

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - AUG 19, 2008
DATE OF AUCTION: PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED
AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	F	RAN	ANGE	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.10	-	1.15	
Pullets 4-6 LBS		-	2.00	
Pekin Ducks	1.75	-	2.00	ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.30	-	.40	
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.40	-	.50	
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60	-	.80	
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90	-	1.00	
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.80	-	.90	
Guinea Fowl	2.20	-	3.00	
Banty Roosters	4.00	-	4.25	ea.
Banty Hens	2.00	-	2.25	ea.
Silkies	1.00	-	1.50	ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.40	-	.45	
Pigeons	1.00	-	2.00	ea.
White Pigeons		-	2.70	ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.40	-	1.90	
Rabbits 6-9 LBS		-	1.50	
Bunnies	1.00	-	2.50	ea.
Guinea Pigs	1.00	-	2.50	ea.
Goats	50.00	-	60.00	ea.
Kid Goats	30.00	-	35.00	ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.10	-	1.15	
Total Coops Sold 462				

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were at least sufficient for current needs. Demand was light to fair with trading limited on both the heavy and light canners with most available supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT **INCLUDED**

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT **HEAVY CANNER HENS** (WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST

> **HEAVY CANNER HENS** (WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPO

LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS

(7 POUNDS AND UP) * PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-AUG-08

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent fowl. Schedules were increased. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

RANGE MAJORITY TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

LIVE LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN Prices were unchanged from the previous week. Demand was mostly moderate for the at least adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE **MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST 3-12 4-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Spent leghorn fowl were TFEWR. Offerings were adequate for current slaughter needs. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

REMOVAL COST

RANGE **MAJORITY** TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate while demand remains mostly moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE

MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

0-10.5

0-5

SOUTHEAST Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly fair for the at least sufficient offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was generally steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING **FOB PLANT**

RANGE MAJORITY TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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